

Encouraging diversity in our churches and church leadership



A one day consultation jointly sponsored by the Diocesan Council for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (DMEAC) and the Diocesan Vocations team.

Chair: The Bishop of Bedford

Monday 9th July 2018

9.30am – 3.30pm. Lunch included.

St Mark's Church, St Mark's Close, Lancaster Ave, Hitchin SG5 1UR

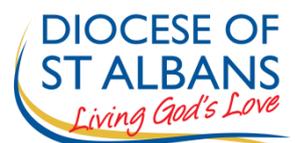
We will consider:

-  How do we encourage diversity and inclusion within our churches?
-  How do we encourage BAME people into leadership roles and into ministry?
-  How do we encourage vocations to ministry among under-represented groups, including BAME people, young women and people with disabilities?

Guest speaker: Rosemarie Davidson-Gotobed,
National Minority Ethnic Vocations Officer, Ministry Division

Case studies • *Workshops* • *Time to network*

Registration is free but we need to know numbers for catering.
To register please contact:
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Who is this for?

Anyone in a church leadership role in St Albans Diocese is welcome. We are specifically inviting representatives from:

- Large churches and teams
- Churches with significant BAME populations and/or congregations
- Churches which already send significant numbers of ordinands into training

Our objective is to share experiences, to discuss what works and doesn't work in different contexts, to encourage each other and to come away with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.



“In order for the church to truly characterise the body of Christ and therefore fulfil its mission, it must be both more inclusive and representative of all its constituents. There are significant numbers of Minority Ethnic Christians in Anglican churches yet Minority Ethnic clergy make up less than 3% of serving clergy. This is a cause for concern in our church, not because this is about redressing an imbalance but because it is a gospel imperative (Galatians 3:28)”

Dr Elizabeth Henry, National Adviser, Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns

“Many of the most significant leaders of recent times began their journey when they were young, or felt their calling to ministry as a child. How can we best help support young people in exploring their vocation?”

Developing Young Vocations website